# **Countertop Buying Guide**





## We have the brands you can trust































## **Get Started Today**

Three ways to make an appointment:

- Ask an Associate
- Visit homedepot.com/ DesignConnect
- Call 1-877-979-6683

## My Kitchen Planner

## My Contacts

#### **Store Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Fabricator**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_

Got Started

## **Choose The Home Depot®**

- Quality—The best products, services and customer satisfaction that exceeds a 9 out of 10
- **Value**—Solutions to fit any budget backed by a price match guarantee
- **Design**—Affiliated with the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA)
- Craftsmanship—Service Providers have passed background checks, are insured, are licensed\* and their work is warrantied

\*Where required



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Once you decide it's time for a new countertop, it's time to pay attention to all of the choices around you. Watch design shows on TV. Flip through magazines and catalogs. And then go to homedepot.com/ DesignConnect to start the journey to a brand new countertop.

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This is the time to choose your countertop surface and color. It's also the time to choose an edge, backsplash, cooktop, sink, faucet and disposal. Everything needs to be decided before the countertop is ordered to ensure a proper installation.

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### 3. Measure

Initial measurements don't have to be perfect but are necessary in discussing options with your Home Depot Designer. Use the attached Project Worksheet or visit homedepot.com/
CountertopEstimate for information on how to measure your countertops.

## 4. Place Your Order

After your order is placed, an authorized Service Provider will make an appointment to visit your home and verify your measurements. Your order will be adjusted based on these actual measurements.

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## 5. Installation

Your countertops are custombuilt and your authorized Service Provider will call you to schedule installation. See page 30 for more detailed information on the installation process.

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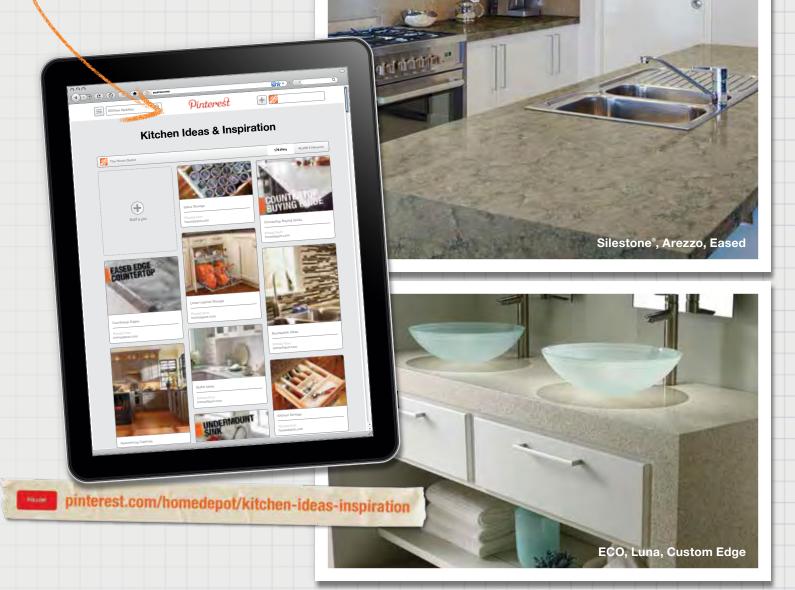
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**Your Inspiration** 

Get inspired on Pinterest — take a look at The Home Depot® kitchens page













How about colors
— any accents?



## **Choose Your Material**

Stonemark®, Solaris, Bullnose

	UltraCompact	Quartz	Granite	Solid Surface	Laminate	Recycled	Wood	Metals
Scratch Resistant								
Stain Resistant			•	•		•	•	
Heat Resistant				•			•	
Impact Resistant							0	
Color/Pattern Consistency			0					
Renewable and Repairable	0		0		0			
Seamless Appearance					0		0	
Warranty	25-Year	15-Year	15-Year	15-Year	1-Year	10-Year	Limited Lifetime	2-Year
Need to Seal	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Price Range	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$

Resistant, not impermeable. See individual brand for warranty details. Pre-fab quartz and granite are limited to 1-Year Warranty.



VERY GOOD





POOR

## **Great Looks, Lots of Choices**



**UltraCompact** 

Dekton® is a unique blend of raw materials that replicates a stone surface and lasts a lifetime.



#### Quartz

This top-rated surface offers unique patterns and consistent color, and never needs to be sealed.



#### **Granite**

Favored for its natural beauty, granite is also highly durable, offering excellent stain, scratch and heat resistance.



**Solid Surface** 

This durable, seamless surface is easy to mix and match. Being able to sand away scratches is a plus.



#### Laminate

Laminate is the most affordable option while also offering durability and stain resistance.



#### Recycled

Recycled countertops are durable, easy to clean and use limited natural resources to manufacture.



#### Wood

Traditional and classic, this eco-friendly option adds warmth while retaining functionality. With periodic resealing this handcrafted and functional material only gets more beautiful with age.



#### Metals

STAINLESS STEEL: Heat and stain resistant, stainless steel is easy to clean and maintain.

#### COPPER:

Durable and elegant. It comes in a variety of finishes, including a traditional matte finish.

manufacturer warranty



✓ REMINDER...

Order your samples at homedepot.com



#### **EXCLUSIVE**

#### **Dekton®**

A new and original type of surface, Dekton® is made from a unique blend of raw materials contained within refined glass, enhanced porcelain and natural quartz to produce a beautiful surface.

#### **Top Sellers**

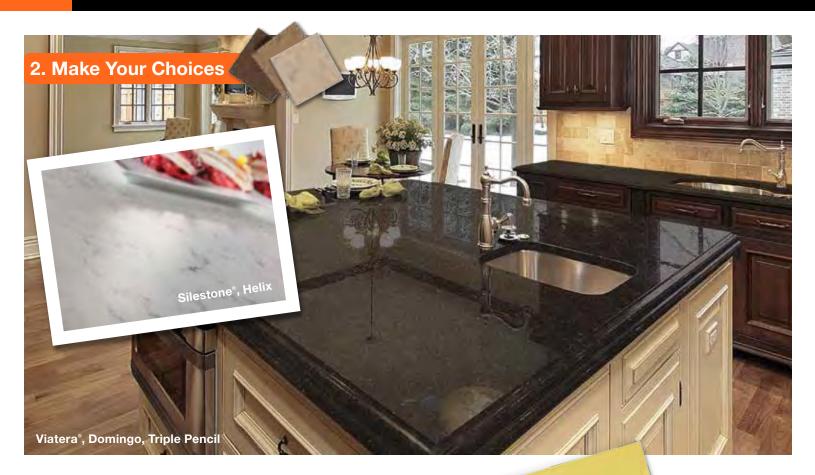








Ask an Associate for additional color options.



## The Ultimate in Easy Care

One of the hardest substances on earth, quartz countertops are manufactured using up to 94% quartz.

- Non-porous and scratch resistant
- The natural beauty of quartz is derived from its multi-dimensional, gem-like color
- Maintenance-free—needs no sealing or polishing
- The Home Depot has the widest range of color options
- 15-year limited manufacturer warranty





#### **EXCLUSIVE COLORS**

#### Silestone®

Silestone® delivers distinctive depth, brilliant clarity, glimmering radiance and a cool, solid feel unique to natural stone. Backed by a 15-year limited warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**











Helix

Bamboo

Sienna Ridge Marengo

Stellar Night





#### **EXCLUSIVE COLORS**

#### **LG Hausys Viatera®**

Viatera® Quartz brings raw, natural beauty to life and offers 16 exclusive colors. Backed by a 15-year transferable warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**











Cortina

River Shoal

Mulholland

Silver Lake





#### **EXCLUSIVE COLORS**

## Martha Stewart Living™ Viatera®

Martha Stewart Living™ Viatera® Quartz styles are inspired by the colors, depth and active veining seen in beautiful natural marbles, and each is designed to work with a variety of Martha Stewart Living PureStyle™ and wood cabinet finishes. Backed by a 15-year transferable warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**



Snow Cap



Flagstone





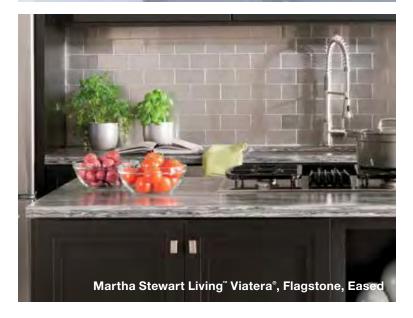


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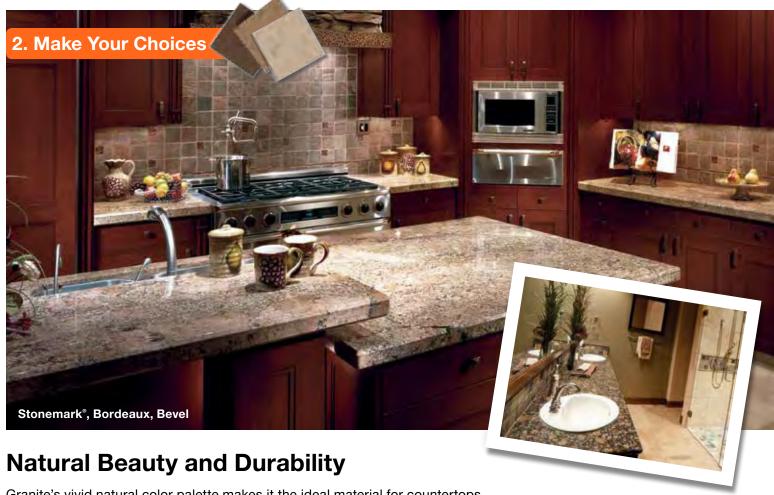
Midnight







Ask an Associate for additional color options.



Granite's vivid natural color palette makes it the ideal material for countertops.

- Resists heat, scratches and stains
- Offers a near endless variety of different patterns of veins, specks and swirls
- Stonemark® Granite from The Home Depot® comes pre-sealed with stain protection backed by a 15-year limited warranty
- Large assortment of colors

Stonemark®, Baltic Brown, Half Bullnose





#### **EXCLUSIVE**

#### Stonemark® Granite

Each handpicked Stonemark® granite slab offers a near endless variety of veins, specks and swirls to add a sophisticated look to any countertop. Granite slab viewing and selection available in select areas at our supplier's off-site location. Ask an Associate for details.

#### **Top Sellers**









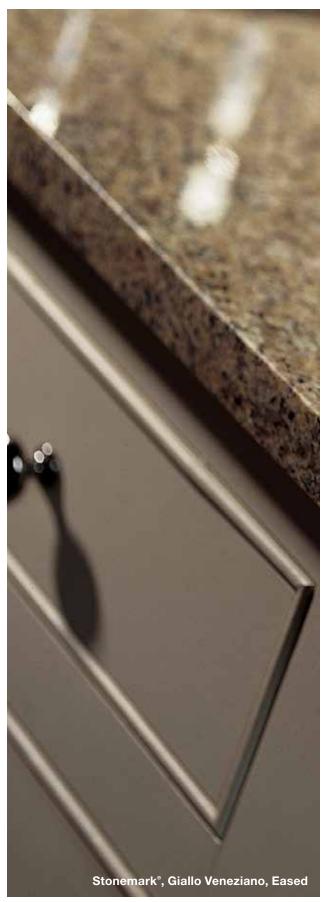


Giallo Fantasia

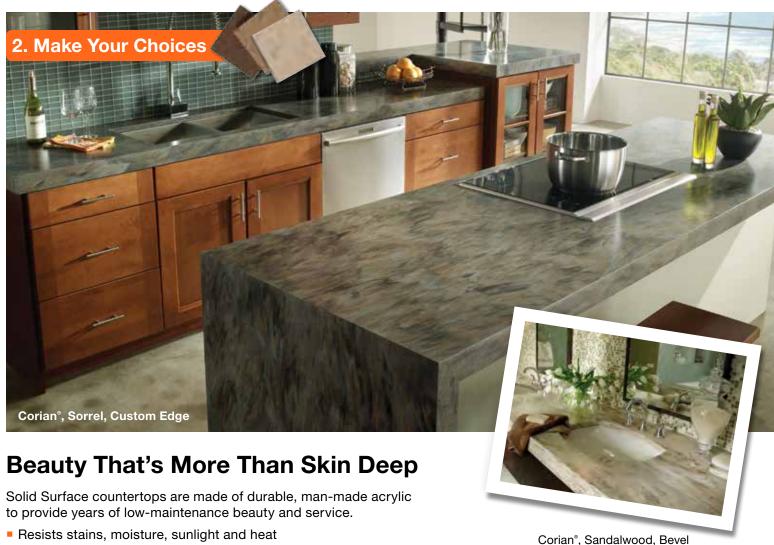
New Venetian Bianco Gold Antico

Baltic Brown Ubatuba





Ask an Associate for additional color options.



- Resists stains, moisture, sunlight and heat
- Offers a wide assortment of colors, patterns
- Easily repairable
- Molds to any shape and is the only material that can include an integrated sink with a near seamless appearance





#### **EXCLUSIVE COLORS**

#### Martha Stewart Living<sup>™</sup> by Corian<sup>®</sup>

Made of DuPont<sup>™</sup> Corian<sup>®</sup>, these countertops bring a richness and complexity reminiscent of natural stone and come in a variety of unique colors. Backed by a 15-year limited warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**



Sea Salt



Tundra





Marble



Soapstone

TI TOUR

### Corian.

#### **DuPont™ Corian®**

DuPont<sup>™</sup> Corian<sup>®</sup> is easy to live with and easy to love. Corian<sup>®</sup> solid surface countertops come in a dazzling variety of colors for unlimited design options. Backed by a 15-year limited warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**











Maui



Sandalwood Sahara



#### **EXCLUSIVE COLORS**

### **LG Hausys HI-MACS®**

Offering a stunning palette of 45 colors, including 6 exclusive to The Home Depot®, HI-MACS® solid surface appears virtually seamless, looks good and feels even better. Backed by a 15-year transferable warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**





Arctic White Tapioca Pearl Tambora







Edisto

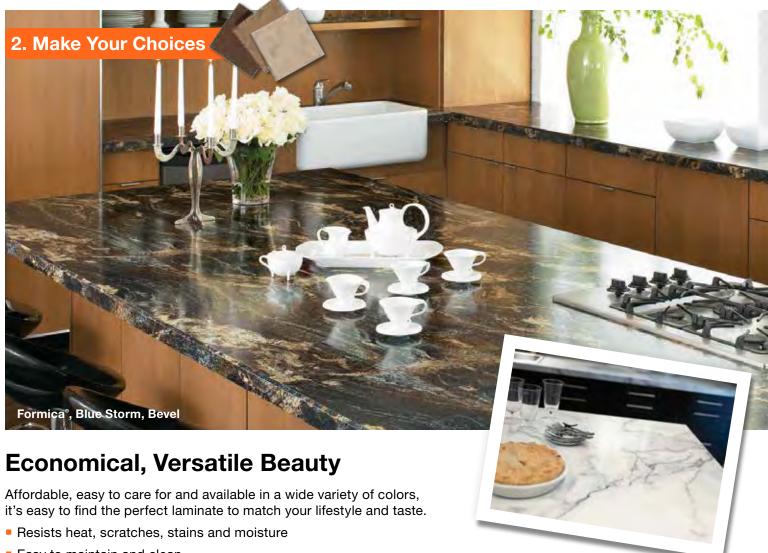
Vanilla Sugar







Ask an Associate for additional color options.



Formica®, Calacatta, Eased

- Easy to maintain and clean
- Complements virtually any kitchen décor with over 250 colors and patterns
- Reflects your personal style and accents your space with a variety of decorative edges
- Makes changing your style every few years affordable
- Backed by a 1-year limited warranty



## **W**Wilsonart®

#### Wilsonart® Laminate

Wilsonart Laminate combines easy care surfaces with a wide selection of patterns and colors at a price that makes a new look affordable.

#### **Top Sellers**











Milano Quartz

Jeweled Coral

Springs

Amber

Winter Carnival



## Formica® Group

With a wide range of colors, styles and patterns to choose from, Formica® Group makes it easy to find the perfect match for your lifestyle and taste.

#### **Top Sellers**



Calacatta

Marble



Antique

Mascarello





Golden

Mascarello

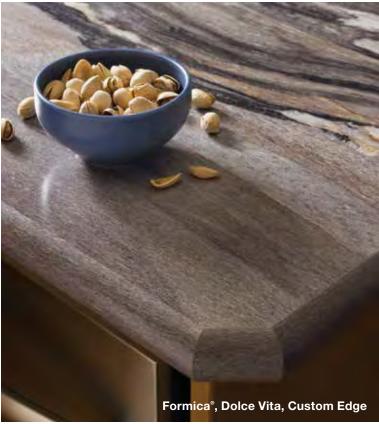




Slate Sequoia

Blue Storm





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### **Recycled Material: Consciously Beautiful**

A countertop that is manufactured using limited natural resources is a perfect solution for those conscious of the environment or those looking for unique beauty.

- Resists staining, scratching and scorching
- Non-porous, does not require sealers
- Easy to maintain and keep clean



## **ECO** by Cosentino®

ECO by Cosentino® is a durable surface made of 75% recycled content composed of postindustrial or postconsumer materials and is bound by an environmentally friendly resin. Backed by a 10-year limited warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**





Luna







White Diamond

Riverbed

Iron Ore

Starlight





Solid wood countertops add warmth, a unique grain pattern, natural color and visual texture while retaining functionality. Use as a primary or complementary surface.

- Durable for daily use
- An excellent choice for islands
- Organic, penetrating oil repels moisture and stains



#### Metal: Sleek and Sophisticated

Stainless Steel and Copper project a professional look with commercial design and a clean feel. Metal's durability is both functional and decorative, as wear only adds to its beauty.

- Durable surface that's easy to clean
- Can be custom-built to any size or shape
- A great work surface to pair with stone



EXCLUSIVE

#### **Heirloom Wood**

Heirloom Wood countertops are custom designed and available in a stunning variety of premium domestic and exotic wood. Suitable for kitchens and bathrooms, Heirloom Wood countertops are designed to last forever, bringing enduring value to your home. Limited lifetime warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**



Hickory



Caramelized



Distressed

Black Walnut





Black Walnut Sapele Mahogany



EXCLUSIVE

## Frigo Stainless Steel and Copper

Frigo Design offers premium stainless steel and copper countertops/backsplashes in a variety of patterns and finishes. Frigo metals are easy to clean and are heat and stain resistant. Combine a patterned metal with a metallic finish for a unique look. Limited 2-year warranty.

#### **Top Sellers**









Leather

Grain



Dual Tone

Mini Hammered

Tree Bark

Quilted



## **Add Your Personal Style**

The right edge helps define your new countertop and the overall tone for your space.

- Rounded edges are a subtle complement to all styles and are less likely to chip
- Straight or bevel edges offer a striking highlight in traditional and contemporary designs

## **Top Edges**



**Eased** 



**Bevel** 



**Bullnose** 



**Double Radius** 



**Half Bullnose** 



Ogee



Roundover



**Triple Pencil** 

Other choices available, including custom.

## The Right Sink Says So Much

Today's sinks offer function in amazing form. Your Countertop Design Expert will help you navigate the many types, styles, materials and other options to find the ideal sink to complement your new countertop.

## **Sink Types**



**Undermount** 

A smooth transition from countertop to sink with the benefit of increased countertop space.



Integral

Made from the same material as the countertop, the finished look is seamless and works for all design styles.



**Apron Front** 

Karran

A traditional look that creates a striking focal point.



**Drop-In** 

Quick installation, multiple design options, and works with all countertop materials.

### **Number of Bowls**



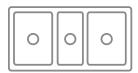
#### **Single**

Great for washing large dishes and oversized pots.



#### **Double**

There's a side for cleaning and a side for prepping.



#### **Triple**

Features a small, middle bowl intended as a prep sink.



#### Round

Perfect as a prep sink or a secondary sink.

### **Materials**

Sinks can be made from just about anything. Right now the trending choices are:



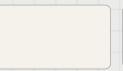
**Cast Iron** 



Copper



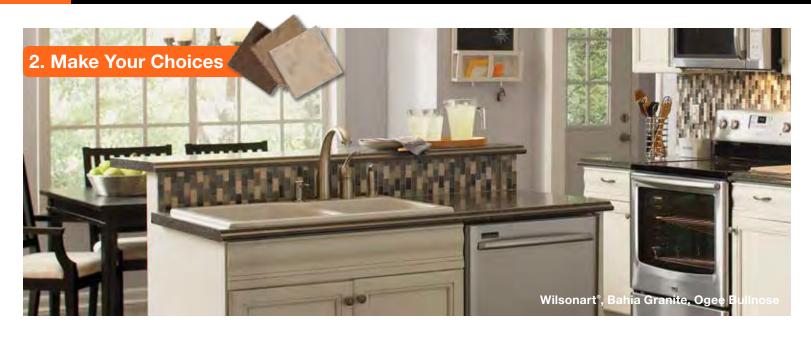
Stainless Steel



**Acrylic** 



Composite



## **The Finishing Touch**

Backsplashes are another option that can dramatically enhance your new countertop. With choices that include ceramic, stone and glass tile, as well as different metals, this once purely protective accent can now be a defining element.

## Sample Backsplash Designs





HD-012



HD-016



HD-022



HD-038



HD-011



HD-027



HD-034



HD-037





HD-040



HD-013





HD-035



## **DESIGN**CONNECT<sup>®</sup>

## Your Kitchen. Our Experts.

Use this collection of online tools to make the project easier. There are special tools to help you visualize new looks, an estimator for budgeting and links to get one-on-one advice from Kitchen Design Experts in-store and online. Visit **homedepot.com/DesignConnect.** 





### Kitchen Planner >

**Kitchen**Planner is an online shared space with convenient tools so you can easily collaborate with a Home Depot Kitchen Design Expert.

## Virtual Kitchen >

VirtualKitchen is an interactive design visualizer that helps you create your kitchen layout and choose your design preferences while viewing your kitchen space from all angles and perspectives.

## Appointment Maker >

**Appointment**Maker is an online tool allowing you to schedule a free in-store consultation with a Kitchen Design Expert. The Home Depot® designers will work with you on anything from updating a few key features of your kitchen to a full-scale remodeling project.

## Countertop Estimator >

**Countertop**Estimator makes it easy to calculate the estimated price of the right countertop to fit your home, lifestyle and budget. Estimates include design, template, delivery and installation.

## **Measurement Worksheet**

Sink Material:	☐ Stainless Steel	☐ Cast Iron	☐ Acrylic	☐ Com	posite	Other:		
Sink Type:	☐ Undermount	□ Integral	☐ Apron Fron	t □ Drop	-In			
Range Type:	☐ Freestanding	☐ Slide-In	☐ Drop-In					
Sink Reveal: (Undermount)	☐ Yes	□ No						
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				Estimator Box				
				Countertop Sections  Length X Width = Area				
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Start your countertop project with this worksheet or by visiting **homedepot.com/countertopestimate**. When you meet with a Home Depot Designer, it is important to have your initial countertop measurements. You can easily measure your existing countertop and supply a rough drawing. You will need a pencil and tape measure to get started. Upon completion, schedule an appointment with a Home Depot Designer online at **homedepot.com/getstarted**.

| I'm remodeling my entire space

#### I'm replacing my current countertops

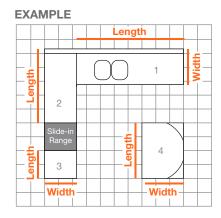
#### STEP 1: MEASURE YOUR COUNTERTOP

#### A. SKETCH

- Sketch the basic shape of your countertop layout on the grid, as shown to the right
- -Section your drawing into simple rectangles and/or squares, numbering them as 1, 2, 3, etc. Be sure to include any island, bar top (labeling them as separate sections)
- Mark sink location and indicate type of sink (undermount, integral, apron front, drop-in)
- Mark range location and type of range (freestanding, slide-in or drop-in)
- -Mark refrigerator location

#### **B. MEASURE**

- -Measure the length and width (in inches) of each section
- To measure the width of your existing countertop, measure from the back wall to the finished front edge
- -Multiply the length times the width for each section to get the area
- -Total the area for each section and then divide by 144 to calculate the total square footage
- Record your measurements
   in the Estimator Box on the graph paper (bottom right)



#### SAMPLE

Countertop Sections					
Length	Х	Width	=	Area	
1. 60"	X	26"	=	1560"	
2. 48"	$\mathbf{x}$	24"	=	1152"	
3. 24"	х	24"	576"		
4. 36"	x	30"	1080"		
Total Square Inch	4368"				
Divide by 144 to o	144				
= Total Square Fe	30.3 sq. ft.				

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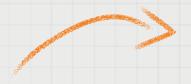
Surface Type	Color
Surface Type	Color

Keep in mind that you will have additional choices to make when you meet with a Designer, such as backsplashes, sinks, upgraded edges, radius corners, plumbing, electrical, removal and haul-away of existing countertops.

#### STEP 3: BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM TO A HOME DEPOT DESIGNER

This form is for estimation purposes only. It is not an offer to sell products or services based on the information herein. The Countertop Project Estimation Worksheet is NOT a contract. The actual measurements for your countertop project may differ from the measurements you estimate on this form. Therefore, the total estimated costs/amount of materials required for your project may be more or less than the estimate(s) based on this form. Please note that certain materials require minimum order amounts. Please contact store for details.

Tools, products, materials, techniques, building codes requirements and local regulations change. The Home Depot assumes no liability for omissions, errors or the outcome of any project commenced in reliance upon the measurements, costs or drawings listed on this Countertop Project Estimation Worksheet. This form is provided strictly for estimation purposes only. If you decide to use The Home Depot's Installation Services, professional measurements will be taken prior to the commencement of fabrication and installation.



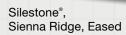
## Use the Countertop Estimator to get started on your budget

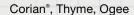
Use this free online tool at homedepot.com to calculate the estimated price of the right countertop for your taste and budget. Simply provide the information asked for in the guided step-by-step process. You can always go back and make changes in materials and design choices to alter the estimate.

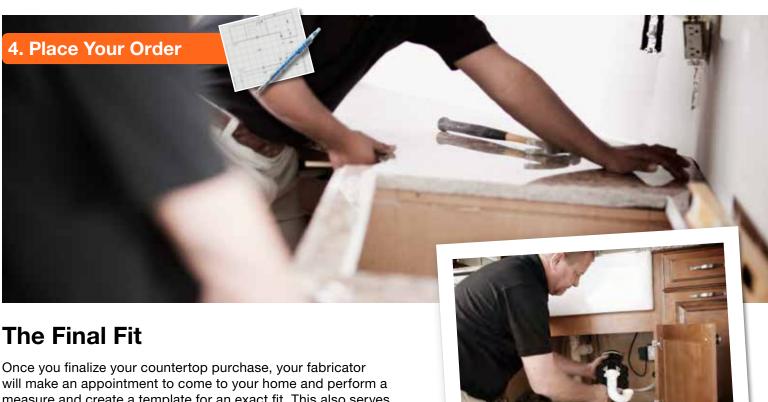
The estimate does include design, template, delivery and installation by authorized professionals.











measure and create a template for an exact fit. This also serves as an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

- Discuss options for seams
- Learn what part you play to make the installation experience as smooth as possible (preparing the workspace, pets, etc.)

## Your Part in the Process

Your job at installation is to make sure that the professionals can work their craft in a proper environment. The preparations you make before the work begins can have a huge impact in the time it takes to complete the installation.

- Clear everything from the cabinets and countertops, including small appliances
- Wall pictures and floor decorations should be removed for their protection
- Make sure there's access to all shut-off valves and switches
- Have space designated for materials



ECO, Iron Ore, Custom Edge

Formica®, Silver Travertine, Half Bullnose



## **Installation You Can Trust**

The Home Depot's Installation Services provide the expertise you need from the start of your project through completion.

- Our experts will manage your project from measurement to installation
- Quality workmanship is backed by The Home Depot®
- Our authorized Service Providers are licensed\*, insured and have passed background checks

\*where required



## SPECIAL FINANCING AVAILABLE ON PURCHASES OF \$299 OR MORE\*

\*Subject to credit approval.

Ask an Associate or see back cover for more information.

# Sign up for Mylnstall and Never Be Out of Touch

Take an active role in the installation of your new countertop.

- Track project milestones and know what to expect
- Know when to make preparations for each phase of the project

## **Compare Quotes**

Some fabricators claim to be cheaper than The Home Depot®. However, it's important to make an accurate comparison. Below is a checklist so that you can make the best decision.

Surface: UltraCompact [ ] Quartz [ ] Granite [ ] Solid Surface [ ] Laminate [ ] Specialty [ ]

			The Home Depot®		Competitor #1		Competitor #2	
General Countertop	Pricing		Included	Price	Included	Price	Included	Price
Measurements			V					
Color	Name	Sq. Ft.						
Backsplash	Name	Sq. Ft.						
Edge	Name	Lin. Ft.						
Sink	Name	Qty.						
Sink or Cooktop Cutout		Qty.	√*					
Outlet Cutouts		Qty.						
Faucet Cutouts		Qty.	√*					
Removal and Haul-Away		Sq. Ft.						
Plumbing Connections								
Installation			√					
Delivery			√					
Promotion	Туре							

Other Considerations	Available/Included?	Available/Included?	Available/Included?
Sealing	V		
Seam Placement	Service Provider discretion		
Slab Viewing/Selection	V		
Design Services	√		
Warranty	√		
Years in Business	Since 1978		
Licensed	√		
Insured	√		
Background Checks	√		
Credit Card Acceptance	√		
Financing	√		

<sup>\*</sup>Limitations Apply

## What To Expect

#### **Getting Started**

- A Home Depot Designer will discuss the countertop surfaces, edges, backsplashes and additional options available to you
- You will need to provide basic measurements and a diagram to your Home Depot Designer if possible. (For your convenience, a Project Worksheet has been provided for you on pages 26–27. Please refer to this worksheet for basic instructions on measuring your countertop.)
- A Home Depot Designer will create an initial quote which is an estimate of the projected price for your countertop project. The final price of your countertop project will be determined after the in-home template has been completed
- Payment is necessary before next steps can begin.
   Within two business days after project payment,
   an authorized Service Provider will contact you to schedule your in-home template appointment

### **In-home Template Appointment**

- All items to be installed/mounted on or adjacent to the countertop must be present at the job site for the day of the template appointment. This includes sinks, faucets, appliances, cooktops, soap dispensers, etc.
- All appliances (including installed dishwashers) must be in place
- Stone (Granite, Quartz) and Laminate countertops have visible seams. Acrylic countertops have inconspicuous seams. Seam placement should be discussed during in-home template appointment. To ensure structural integrity, final seam placement is at the discretion of the fabricator. Material from sink and cooktop cut-outs are not part of the finished product due to possible breakage and will not be made available

# An authorized Service Provider will visit your home to:

- Create a template (footprint) of your countertop to ensure that the new countertop will fit properly
- Review your project order details and determine any special installation requirements
- Ask you to sign documents approving the countertop order, including seams and cut-outs
- All cabinetry and end panels must be completely and permanently installed (set and level). Before your template, new or existing cabinets must be structurally sound as well as plumb, level and secured to the wall and/or floor. At least 70% of the top must be supported by cabinets or another solid structure

- You or your designated decision maker (over age 18) must be present at all appointments and sign all required documents
- Do NOT perform any demolition until the Service Provider has notified you that your new countertops are ready for a scheduled install

#### **Change Order**

After the in-home template is complete and approved, a Home Depot Designer will contact you to review any changes in the estimate and to explain your options for paying the balance due or receiving the refund owed

#### **Fabrication**

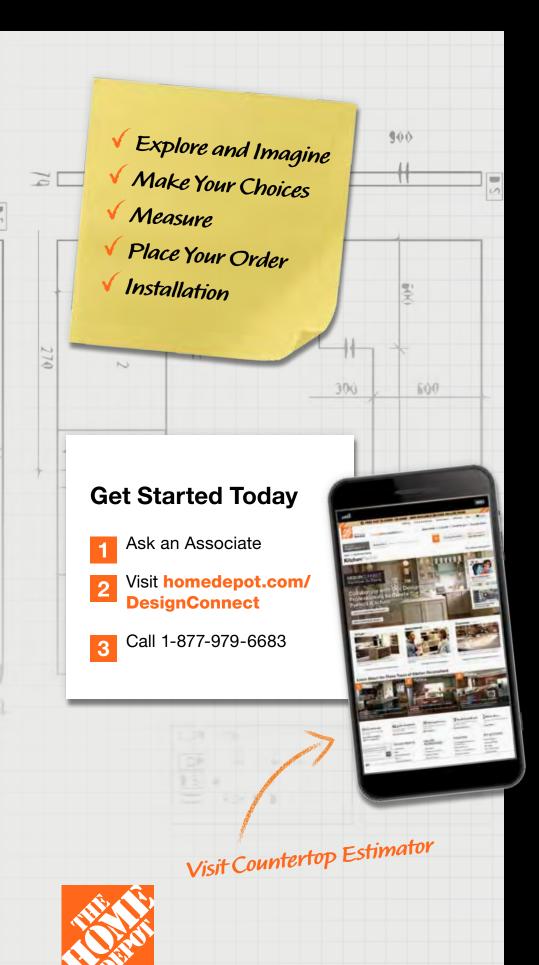
 During fabrication your new countertops will be custom-built based on the specifications created during the template appointment

#### Installation

- Once your countertop has been fabricated, the Service Provider will contact you to schedule your installation appointment. The installation process takes an average of 1–3 days to complete, including any plumbing disconnect/reconnect that may be required
- Your existing countertops must be removed/hauled away. Plumbing, gas and/or electrical connections must be disconnected prior to your countertop installation and reconnected after the installation. (Discuss with your Home Depot Designer for further details.)
- An authorized Service Provider will visit your home and install your new countertop
- Provide access, power, and if applicable, climate control at the installation
- If your installation includes a full-height backsplash, the backsplash is often measured after the countertop installation and installed approximately one week later
- Please allow a 3-hour window of arrival time for appointments. Jobs will be completed during business hours Monday–Friday
- Please keep children and pets out of the work area for the duration of the installation

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